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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
NYERERE:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE PRESIDENT WROTE YOU TO
SAY THAT I WOULD BE IN TOUCH. I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO READ AMBASSADOR SPAIN'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATION
WITH YOU OF JANUARY 27 AND APPRECIATE RECEIVING SO
PROMPTLY YOUR VIEWS ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.

3. "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IAN SMITH'S JANUARY 24
SPEECH CAME AS AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE. THE PROPOSALS
WHICH THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, IVOR RICHARD, HAS
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BEEN DISCUSSING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR THE LAST THREE
WEEKS ENJOYED OUR SUPPORT. IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT IAN
SMITH AND THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS WOULD ACCEPT THE
BRITISH PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS,
EVEN THOUGH I RECOGNIZE THAT DURING THE COURSE OF TALKS
IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM ALL PARTIES
IF A SETTLEMENT IS TO BE REACHED. DESPITE SMITH'S ACTION,

WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BRITISH FRAMEWORK FOR A SETTLEMENT. THE ATTITUDE WHICH SMITH EXPRESSED IN HIS

SPEECH HAS, IN OUR JUDGMENT, PRODUCED A MORE DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR RHODESIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WE REGRET THAT EFFORTS TO REACH A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT HAVE, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, BEEN REBUFFED.

4. "WE HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT SMITH'S REFERENCE TO AN INTERNAL SOLUTION ENJOYS NO AMERICAN SUPPORT AND HAVE TOLD HIM THAT IF A DEADLOCK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS REACHED, HE MUST EXPECT STIFF AMERICAN OPPOSITION. IN ORDER TO REINFORCE OUR MESSAGE TO SMITH, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL SEEK THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. WE ARE BEGINNING EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS TOWARDS THAT END. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COMMUNICATE OUR MESSAGE TO SMITH.

5. " I WILL MEET THE PRESS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, AND WILL USE THAT OCCASION TO INDICATE THE UNITED STATES' INTENTION TO PURSUE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE. I WILL RESTATE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE COURSE WHICH IAN SMITH HAS INDICATED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A FULL AND CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION TAKE PLACE. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH. YOUR INITIAL THOUGHTS ON HOW TO PURSUE A SETTLEMENT ARE A HELPFUL ADDITION TO OUR REVIEW. AS WE MOVE FORWARD I COUNT ON STAYING IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH YOU AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR FURTHER THOUGHTS. IN THE SECRET

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MEANTIME, I HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES WILL ACT IN A MANNER WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A RENEWED SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

6. "AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG'S VISIT TO TANZANIA COMES AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME. I APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO HIM AND HOPE THAT DURING HIS STAY HE WILL HAVE AN OCCASION TO OBTAIN YOUR FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF WHAT LIES AHEAD.

7. "YOUR LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA AND TANZANIA'S PROGRESS HAVE IMPRESSED ME. I KNOW THAT I CAN RELY ON YOUR WISDOM AND SUPPORT IN THE CONTINUED SEARCH FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE. I REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THE OUTCOME ALL OF US SEEK.

8. "RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS R. VANCE."

9. IN DISCUSSION WITH NYERERE WHEN YOU DELIVER ABOVE

YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND BRITISH REPORT CONTAINED
JOHANNESBURG 161 EVEN THOUGH IT IS SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT
WITH WHAT NYERERE TOLD YOU JANUARY 27. WE ARE ESSEN-
TIALY INTERESTED IN NYERERE'S RENEWED COMMITMENT TO
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM. WE HAVE NEVER
SOUGHT SUSPENSION OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES, WHICH HE
KEEPS COMING BACK TO, AS PRECONDITION TO NEGOTIATIONS.

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